

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 9/17/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: York County Historical Museum

Background

As the Board is aware, the York County Historical Committee has been planning a Museum for several years. The Committee has established an exhibit area in York Hall and has been working with County staff to develop an additional Museum site. On October 2, 2001, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution R01-179, which endorsed an organizational structure, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for a York County Historical Museum Corporation.

On December 4, 2001, the Board approved a lease agreement (R01-216) between the County and the Museum Board for the County-owned Mapp property on Cook Road. This agreement was to be effective March 1st, 2002, and included a house and auxiliary buildings, as well as grounds. The Board had also approved \$30,000 from Tourism Funds or the Contingency Fund to be used for necessary repairs and upgrades on the building.

After the tenant vacated the property, inspections indicated that the structure had substantially deteriorated. Estimates indicated that costs for necessary repairs would be disproportionate to the overall value of the structure and would be far in excess of the amount the Board set-aside for this purpose. Further, the York County Historical Museum Board believed the structure to be too small to effectively serve as exhibition and instructional space. Both the Museum Board and staff feel that the space can be used for much needed storage of exhibition materials and occasional work such as cleaning of artifacts.

Revisions to the intended lease have been drafted to reflect a changed use of the property. The Museum Board is in agreement with a lease incorporating the proposed revisions. A copy is included for review and approval by the Board. The public hearing required by Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia for regular and recurring use of County-owned facilities by other parties was previously held on December 4, 2001.

Recommendation

I recommend adoption of Resolution R02-163 to approve the proposed revisions to a lease agreement between the County and the Museum Board for use of the Mapp property to include house, auxiliary building and grounds for storage and occasional work on exhibition materials and artifacts.

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Attachments:

- ? Proposed Lease Agreement
- ? Resolution R02-163